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SUBJECT: 1) **Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 - Permitted Substances (at Step 6)**
2) **Draft Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims (at Step 6)**

DEADLINE: 15 January 2004

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1) Draft Amendment to the Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods : Annex 2 - Permitted Substances

The 26th Session of the Commission adopted the Proposed Draft Amendment to the *Guidelines for the Production, Processing, Labelling and Marketing of Organically Produced Foods: Annex 2 - Permitted Substances* at Step 5 as proposed by the Committee on Food Labelling (ALINORM 03/41, paras. 131-132). Comments are hereby requested at Step 6 on all substances included in Annex 2 and the structure of the Table as presented in ALINORM 03/22A, Appendix VI.

2) Draft Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims

The 31st Session of the Committee on Food Labelling advanced the Draft Guidelines to Step 8 (ALINORM 03/22A, para. 66, Appendix IV). The Commission, recognizing that there was no consensus on substantial issues, including the reference to advertising, agreed return the Draft Guidelines for Use of Nutrition and Health Claims to Step 6 for further comments and consideration by the Committee. The Commission also requested the Committee to consider the development of a definition of advertising as related to health and nutrition claims (ALINORM 01/41, paras. 74-80).

Comments at Step 6 are therefore requested on the above Drafts, for consideration by the 32nd Session of the Committee on Food Labelling (Montreal, Canada, 10-14 May 2004). The texts are available from the Codex website at the following address: <ftp://ftp.fao.org/codex/alinorm03/al0322ae.pdf>

Governments and international organizations wishing to provide comments should do so in writing, preferably by email, to the above addresses, **before 15 January 2004.**